

Faith that Demonstrates Wisdom

James 3:13-18

Samuel Ferrara

**What does wisdom
look like?**

James: Keep the Faith

- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)
- Loves **Impartially** (2:5-9)
- **Acts** (2:15-24)
- Tames the **Tongue** (3:6-10)
- Demonstrates **Wisdom** (3:13-18)

Plattenkogel, Austria. Lukas Budimaier

13 Who is **wise** and **understanding** among you?

Let them show it by their good **life**,
by **deeds** done in the **humility**
that comes from wisdom.

James 3:13 (NIV) (p.1/4)

14 But if you harbor bitter **envy** and selfish **ambition** in your hearts, do not **boast** about it or deny the **truth**.

15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is **earthly**, unspiritual, **demonic**.

James 3:14-15 (NIV) (p.2/4)

16 For where you have
envy and selfish ambition,
there you find **disorder**
and every **evil** practice.

James 3:16 (NIV) (p.3/4)

17 But the wisdom that comes from **heaven** is first of all **pure**; then **peace**-loving, **considerate, submissive**, full of **mercy** and good **fruit**, **impartial** and **sincere**.

18 **Peacemakers** who sow in peace reap a **harvest** of righteousness.

James 3:17-18 (NIV) (p.4/4)

James 3b: Faith that Demonstrates Wisdom

- **Practise**, not Pretense (v13)
- Free of Bitter **Passion** (v14-16)
- **Peacemaking** (v17-18)

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Who is **wise** and **understanding** among you?

James 3:13 (NIV)

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Not many of you should become **teachers**,
my fellow believers,
because you know that
we who **teach** will be judged more **strictly**.

James 3:1 (NIV)

Savoie, France. Thomas Tixtaaz

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James 3:13 (NIV)

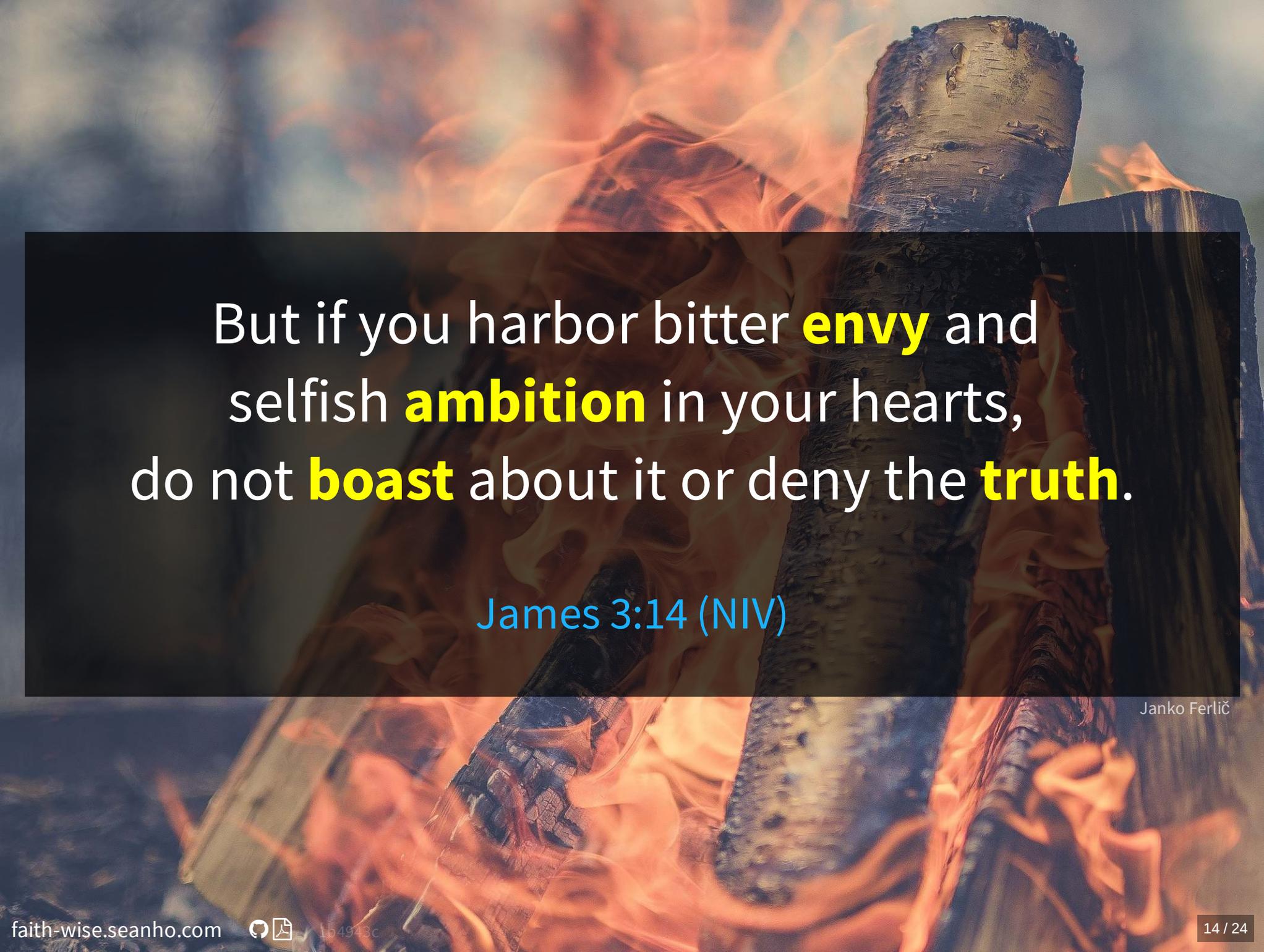
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**As I gain wisdom,
am I more
gentle in deeds, or
proud in words?**

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James 3:14 (NIV)

Janko Ferlič

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James 3:15-16 (NIV)

Ukraine. Paul Itkin

Have I confused
passion and
ambition
with wisdom?

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James 3:17 (NIV)

Iceland. Davide Cantelli



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If any of you **lacks wisdom**,
you should **ask God**,
who gives **generously** to all
without finding **fault**,
and it will be **given** to you.

James 1:5 (NIV)

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Peacemakers who **sow** in peace
reap a **harvest** of righteousness.

James 3:18 (NIV)

Ju On

Do I recognise
the peace-makers,
the meek, and
the merciful?



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James 3:13 (NIV)

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